

FOREST HILL FLYER 2010-2011

Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

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The Rotary Club of Forest Hill meets at 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm on Mondays at Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132. \$27.00 per head

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>21 March</u>	<u>28 March</u>	<u>4 April</u>
INTERPLAST Kathy Monley & Home Hosted Dinner At Bremner's Details in FLYER Rotarians join partners after Rotary for sweets and coffee Chair John Donaghey Thanks and Flyer Report Bob Neilson Memorable Rotary Experience Bob Laslett	African Kindergarten Leanne Pinfold Graham Sharman Chris Tuck Stuart Williams	Eastern Health Foundation Steve Haylock Community Liaison Manager Glenys Grant Ron Brooks John McPhee

DUTY ROSTER

	March	APRIL
Cashier	Chris Tuck	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Graham Sharman	Bob Neilson
Greeter	John Donaghey	Doug Berwick
Emergency	Geoff Hale	John Donaghey

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au.** Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



17 March	Tracey Berwick	Birthday
21 March	Joan Sharman	Birthday
21 March	Stuart Williams	Club membership anniversary
22 March	John McPhee	Club membership anniversary
23 March	David Bremner	Club membership anniversary

DAVID'S DIARY



One of the personal benefits of being a Rotarian is the opportunity to take part in a fascinating experience that is often not available to non-members. The graduation ceremony that Graham Sharman and I attended at Hand Brake Turn on 15 March was just such an experience.

Eight young people, including a young lady, graduated from the eight-week course and were presented with certificates and prizes. The young lady won the prize for being best in the motor mechanics section.

It would be fair to say that the ceremony was not what one would normally expect. It was preceded by a very enjoyable barbecue and was held in an engineering workshop – not the flash school assembly hall that one would expect! One or two of the students appeared to have no one to support them and the others were accompanied by a parent, carer or friend.

As each student came forward to receive their certificate, their body language showed they were very proud of what they had achieved - I suspect for a couple of them it was a novel experience to feel proud about themselves.

The HBT manager, Mark Binnington, is an impressive person who has the right balance of caring and practicality needed to deal with young people who have had a difficult time during their teenage years but have now decided to do something about getting a job or apprenticeship and turn their lives around. The other staff – the administrative assistant, the employment coordinator and the instructors in mechanical work, body repairs and spray painting – shared Mark's positive approach.

I presented the Ford Davis Endeavour Award certificate of achievement to Keith Canham who also won an award for his spray painting skill. Keith received the certificate because he had shown a full commitment to the course and had made an obvious endeavour to achieve the greatest amount of personal growth and improvement. Through his behaviour and participation in the course, he also demonstrated respect for the instructors and his fellow course participants and teamwork in his interactions with others.

I also took the opportunity to tell the audience a little about Rotary and our club and how the award commemorated the memory of a great Rotarian.

Graham took a short video of Mark talking about the hand brake program which will be shown at a club meeting in the near future.

Tomorrow will be a big day as we host the Group Study Exchange Team from California. Some of us had the opportunity to hear from the team at the Welcome Dinner held on 16 March.

Stan Harper is still dealing with his health issues. He had further scans last Friday which disclosed no new issues so he expects to go back to the rehabilitation hospital soon and continue his physiotherapy.

The New Year has not proved to be very happy for many people as a result of the floods in Queensland and Victoria in particular and the earthquakes in New Zealand and now in Japan. Our thoughts are with the people of Japan as they cope with the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.

Best wishes to you and your families for the week ahead as we continue building communities and bridging continents.

David

David Bremner
President

Meeting Report for 16 March, 2011 –Cluster GSE welcome meeting

Templestowe ran an efficient, enjoyable meeting with excellent food. The Group Study Exchange Team were impressive and we look forward to meeting them Friday. Meeting closed before 9pm.

TSUNAMI -A message received by Ron and Robbie

"Thank you for your message.
I can not explain how much we have been shocked by the damage of the earthquake and tunami.
My family and people I know are all alive furtunately although my house in Tokyo got some damages.
However, Japan (especially east and north part) have gotten into a panic.
We have expeined many earthquake in our history but not this scale.
We still have big earthquake keep happening even just a minitue ago.
Western part of Japan where Imabari is located is presently safe and quiet but we never know our future.
I hope this disaster will be finished soon."

Mizuki

FOOTY TIPPING

As of Tuesday night, 15 March we only had 11 people registered in our Footy tipping Comp. Come on, get with it. It is great fun, very easy to enter. Join Bob Laslett, Bob Williams, Chris Tuck, Cyril Yardin, Merle Williams, many Bremners and Gazza in attempting to pick winners.

Go on-line to Oztips Join a comp

Register your details, decide on the name you wish to appear and a password

The comp is 249885, password foresthill

Cost \$30 of which \$6.00 goes to the wonderful work of ROMAC. Rules etc are all there. Weekly winners as well as end of season cash prizes. Cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

Have fun - maintain an interest in the AFL for the season Join our comp.

DO IT NOW

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Visit to Chris and Warwick’s farm at Longwood Saturday 19th March.

We have a few less than anticipated going and as announced at our meeting, please bring salad/dessert etc for yourselves rather than us trying to arrange who is bringing what etc.

Remember it is BYO everything, chairs, plates, utensils, food and drink etc.

We have Geoff Hale, Judy and Bill Marsh, Barbara and Bob Williams, Chris Tuck, Stuart Williams coming and of course our hosts Chris and Warwick who will provide tea, coffee and the bbq.

Please arrange any car-pooling and meet at the farm around 11am for Chris and Warwick to show us around and then lunch at 1 or so.

If any of our members who have not replied or any of our past members want to come, we would love to see you there.

Map is attached.

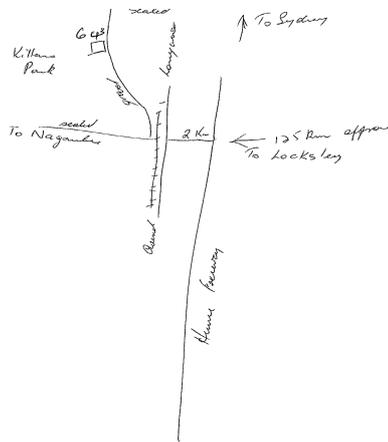
Bob Williams

Directions to Chris and Warwick's farm

Go up the Hume Freeway to about the 125km mark where there is a turnoff on the left to Locksley. Travel along this road for about 2km where you will come across the Avenel/Longwood Road alongside the Sydney railway line. Cross both road and rail at Locksley and 10 metres over the rail, turn right onto gravel road labelled Carmody's Road and an arrow to the Gliding airstrip. Travel up the Carmody's Road for 6.43 km with the airstrip on your right. We are on the left side labelled Killara Park at number 643, being the fourth house on the left side – if you get to a house with a sign on the gate saying Poll Dorsets, you have gone too far.

Warwick.

I have included the map because original works of art – like a Picasso on a beer coaster - are worth millions years later.



Home Hosting Night

A Home Hosted evening will be held on **Monday 21 March 2011**.

Partners are invited to meet at the Bremner's home for dinner and fellowship commencing about 6.15pm. Following the Rotary meeting, the members will travel to the Bremner's to enjoy dessert with our partners.

To assist with the catering arrangements, would partners please contact Heather on 9802 7731 or email hjb91@bigpond.com to advise whether they will bring a casserole or a dessert

Weekly Foundation Thought

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about the impact of a Group Study Exchange (GSE).

For Stephen Rajamani, an insurance broker in Tamilnadu Province, India the GSE experience was life-changing. Rajamani initially travelled to Brazil to learn about the culture and lifestyle and to learn about insurance practices there. His team visited many businesses, educational institutions and government offices. What Rajamani realized is that human beings are alike everywhere throughout the world, from the mayors and dignitaries who extended a warm welcome to the host families who showered the team members with affection. Upon returning home, Rajamani became a member of the Rotary Club of Manapparai and showed his gratitude to The Rotary Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow in his first year. *Every Rotarian, Every Year – Be a part of it. Make your annual gift today.*

*** **Manningham Concert Band -- over 55 musicians**

They have their Autumn Favourites concert on 27th of March BUT A CHANGE OF VENUE: Now at the Ted Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Rd, Lower Templestowe (Melways 32 K7) Time now 3pm. **Cost: \$8 under 12 free - includes tea, coffee, biscuits**

SENIOR'S CORNER

An Obituary printed in the London Times - Interesting and sadly rather true.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing

[More Brain activity stuff – supposed to help stave off dementia](#)

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all

the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

PHOTOGRAPHERS - Dear Rotarians,

We are planning to organize a photography exhibition with photos from different places all over the world, which will refer to one of the topics mentioned below

- Landscapes – water
- Buildings
- People – Traditional Costumes

We kindly request Rotarian Clubs worldwide to participate in this effort by sending us photos from their areas.

The photography exhibition will originally take place in Alexandroupolis and then it will be transferred to other cities in Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. At the same time, all photos send to us, will be displayed on a special site of our club on the internet.

This effort firstly aims at allowing Rotary Club members from all over the world to know and understand each other better. Secondly, by organizing this event, we intent to make Rotary ideas further known to the public. Finally, all income collected will be allocated to Rotary targets.

If members of your club like taking photographs, this event will give them a chance to spend some enjoyable time and at the same time make their area further known and contribute to the Rotary targets fulfilment.

So, why don't you take your camera, go for a walk and send your photos to this e-mail?

Christos Variamidis

Alexandroupolis Rotary Club President.

PS1: Photographs should be 2-3 MB in size and be accompanied with a caption in English

PS2: The e-mail you are going to send us with attached photos must also include the following statement. "Alexandroupolis Rotary Club has the right to print, publish, display in an exhibition and upload on an internet site the attached photographs and sell printed copies of them."

Secretary Ron can provide mailing address.

Entertainment BOOK –

We will be selling the book again this year. Same price - \$65 and the club makes \$15 from each purchase. Tell your family – please order them from The Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Stuart Williams has order forms – please contact him. (I used it this year and have had over 25 meals and saved over \$600 and used the aquarium voucher and cinema vouchers – excellent value... Stuart)

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

Membership at the beginning of the year	Current Membership	Change
18	18	--

BREAKFAST QUIZ

Something to chew on over breakfast – THREE questions this week seeing a visitor got last week's questions correct.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Q. What was created in 1897 by Auguste Escoffier in honour of Helen Porter Mitchell?
A. Melba toast. Helen Porter Mitchell stage name was Nellie Melba
2. Q. What fruit is the Paisley design based on?
A. Design came from India based on the Mango
3. Q. What is the link between Manchego and Don Quixote?
A. Manchego is the most famous Spanish cheese and comes from Manchego breed of sheep originally from La Mancha, where Don Quixote came from.

MORE FOOD QUESTIONS:

1. Q. What vegetable has 2 - 4 times the vitamin C of oranges?
2. Q. Where is the hottest part of a chillie?
3. Q. Where did Marshmallows originate?

If you don't know the answers, you should pay a fine to the Sergeant. If you get the correct answer, the Editor will pay (this is costing me big time). The answers will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

18 March –hosting of GSE team by our club for the day
21 March Club meeting and HOME HOSTED DINNER for partners at Bremner's
7 -9 April District Conference

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams ggestu2@yahoo.com.au